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THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND
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COMPANIES.

REVISION OF CURRENCY TARIFFS.

REFERRING to the COMPANIES' Cir-
cular of 24th June last, readers of
Telegrams are hereby advised that from the
1st January, 1898, until further notice,
the Currency equivalent of the Franc has
been fixed at 80.42, at which rate all
Charges on International Telgrams from
China will be collected from said date.

TARIFF CARDS will be distributed as
soon as they are received from the Head
Officers. In the meantime the New
Charges can be ascertained on reference to
our circular of date, or to the Companies
Office.

F. von der PFORTEN,
Manager-in-China.
Hongkong, December 29, 1897. 2458

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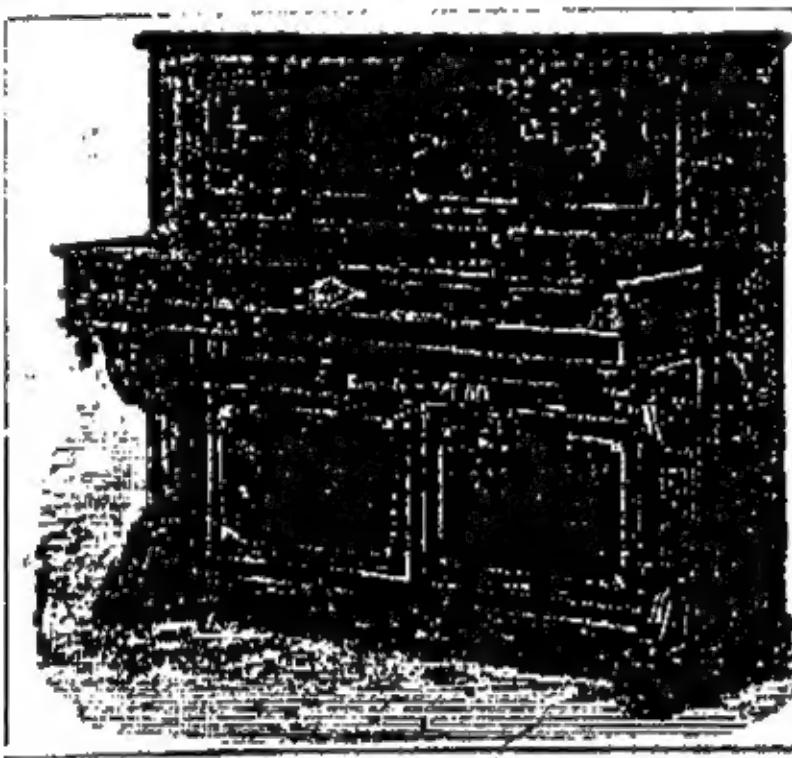
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JAPAN..... V. Strong..... C. H. S. TOOME, R.M.R. Noon, 14th January.

LONDON..... Java..... J. CHELLSWY, R.M.R. About 21st January.

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SPECIAL CREAM

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The Post Office will be closed on New Year's Day and Monday, the 3rd January, except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for Peck and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The night box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

To-morrow being the first day of the New Year, there will be no issue of the *China Mail*. On Monday, publication will commence about 2 p.m., and advertisements are therefore requested to send in advertisements early in the morning to ensure insertion in Monday's issue. In closing the work of another year, we take this opportunity of wishing our readers

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, no complaints had been received that the butchers in Kowloon suffered from the closing of the cattle depôt at Kowloon. The Medical Officer of Health moved, seconded by the President, that the cattle depôt at Kowloon remain closed until a further report was received from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. The motion was carried.

A warren in the *Observation* *Lloyd* says: "The South Shantung mission is the only German Mission in China, a lost corner of the empire where the lamp of Germany has been held aloft up to the time of this terrible disaster. Surely this is a mistake. What about the Basel Mission? And what about the outrage in the Fukien Province, so promptly avenged at the instance of the German Government in 1869?"

It is stated by a Singapore journal that from Singapore to Hongkong, a distance of about 1,450 miles, the *Powerful* is to be run with her propelling machinery in near full power as possible; and it is anticipated that she will make the passage in about three days, which will give an average speed of rather over 20 knots per hour, or 23½ statute miles. If she does this against the monsoon, it will be good going.

We hear says the *Singapore Free Press* that the Colonial Surgeon, Pounding, and Municipal Health Officer, on further examination considered the case of the African *Bremen* ship at Bombay, who was reported sick with slight but suspicious symptoms on 13th, the day after leaving Colombo, to be one of "aborted plague." The man, on the symptoms being first observed on board, was at once isolated.

The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has seriously affected the milk supply of the Colony. Mr Kennedy's two depôts have now been closed, and to prevent the further spread of the disease a large number of Chinese cowsheds have been shut up. It is very fortunate, however, that the Dairy Farm's stations have been declared free of the disease, and the Company are now prepared to give a full supply to their numerous customers.

Our readers may remember the announcement some time ago of the issue of a native Japanese newspaper at Taihaufo. We learn that both the editor and the contributor of a paragraph criticising Government officials in Formosa are now languishing in prison, when they will continue to languish for two and three months respectively. If criticism of Government officials were a crime in Hongkong, we are afraid the supply of prison editors would speedily become exhausted.

THERE is a wonderful silence in the Japanese press regarding Japan's probable action in the event of an actual partition of China, by the European Powers. The Japanese Government is in constant telegraphic communication with its Ministers abroad, and is obviously waiting further developments before manifesting its policy; and it is a safe assumption that the Japanese press is being restrained from making comments which might lead to ill-will with any of the Powers.

ABOUT one o'clock to-day (says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 21st inst.) an urgent telegram was received from Admiral Buller at Hongkong ordering the *Grafton* to proceed with all despatch to that port. All the officers and men are ordered to be on board by seven o'clock to-night, and the vessel leaves at eight o'clock. The torpedo-boat destroyers *Fawcett* and *Whiting* are overhauling their boilers, and it is considered probable that, if the *Edgar* is also ordered up to Hongkong, in anticipation of the arrival of the *Powerful*, here, they will go on in convoy of the *Powerful*. With reference to the latter vessel, it now turns out that, during the voyage from the Cape to Singapore, her condensers went wrong and she therefore went into Colombo, steaming into that port at six knots. She has now made good her defect and leaves Singapore today.

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DIPLOMATICAL APPOINTMENT.

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RECRUDESCENCE OF THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

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BYE ELECTION.

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[This is a Unionist gain. At the General Election of 1895, Mr Butcher (Conservative) was elected at the top of the poll, with Sir F. Lockwood (Liberal) as his colleague, the defeated candidate being Mr A. E. Pease.—*E.P.*, *C.M.*]

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That the mineral resources of South China still lie dormant, although practically at our very doors, and yet the Chinese Government looks as if either bankruptcy or disruption were soon to overtake it.

That there can be no question our policy of non-intervention and complaisance has proved to be a failure, and has undoubtedly served the Chinese people very badly.

That Russia, Germany and France have apparently resolved to adopt a more decided and practical policy—some call it a predatory attitude, although little well-authenticated news reaches us.

That beyond the feeling, which seems to be general, of our determination to secure a naval base in the North, to look after the Yangtze Valley, and to take the Two Kwangs under our wing, no new developments can be safely predicted.

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That if the British Government is forced to take action by way of securing rights to counterbalance those of other powers, I believe the possibilities and probabilities will have been all duly weighed.

That in wishing the Chinese Government a happy New Year, one can scarcely refrain from the remark that the High Authorities have themselves to thank for most of their trouble.

That the extension of the Hongkong boundary on the mainland may have been overlooked or overshadowed by the larger possibilities which now present themselves.

That the Christmas season has been predominantly festive, and I hear that the well-to-do attitude of the residents is an indication of the presence of sound financial conditions, spite of the depreciated dollar.

That our Governor leaves us just one month hence, and I hear several proposals were made by way of a "send off." That it was at first proposed to give a St. George's Ball, but this would have left the Scotch and Irish residents, so it was abandoned.

That subsequently it was suggested all nationalities should join forces, and give His Excellency a big farewell ball.

That it soon became known the Governor purposed giving a "farewell" dance at Government House, and the idea of giving a public ball was consequently given up.

That I believe the "farewell" will now take the form of an address from the Community, to be presented in the City Hall before the Governor's embarkation.

That there is an end to the power of money, and if you would be correct about the million and a half dollars presented to the leading insurrections of the Philippines, a fresh instance comes to mind of what strange things may accomplish.

That one is sorely tempted to criticise the part taken in this alleged transaction by the pawns as well as the poors.

That they do things very differently, under Spanish rule, from what would be done under British administration, so perhaps the last said the accent needed.

That it may now be taken for granted the great little Synagogue case is the most protracted in the history of the Hongkong Supreme Court.

That as yet no one has anything to do with its merits save "my Lord the Chief Justice," and it is pretty clear he will have to do some time in wrestling with the product of the sixteen-days' proceedings.

That it may be said the Zicawel Observatory people attempt too much in their marvellous system of storm signals, but if they protest (or forecast) too much, it certainly shows a most laudable desire to meet the requirements of the shipping interest.

That the so-called storm-warnings in vogue in Hongkong are, in comparison of those of Shanghai, utterly beneath contempt.

That I heartily wish all your well-wishers, and even all our enemies (if we have any).—

A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BROWNIE.

LOCAL COMPAGNIES. 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00.—W. Robinson & Co.

THE TIMES of Ceylon states that H.M.S. *Edgar* encountered the s.s. *Edenmore*, of Newcastle, with her cargo of petroleum oil on fire, and, finding it was impossible to save her, the crew rescued and put ashore at Aden. It was, however, seen that the *Edenmore* was in the fairway of vessels, and in some difficulty she was riddled with shot and shell.

The *Edenmore* was in charge of Captain George C. Laurenson, and the crew numbered 15. Her regular passage was 2,000, and the port of registry Newcastle. She was bound from Batavia to Karachi and had a cargo of refined petroleum oil, 112,480 cases of 4 gallons each. The owners of the vessel are Messrs Walter Runciman & Co., and the consignee of the cargo the Bombay Oil Company. It appears that the fire broke out through one of the cranes going to the engine-room to draw some oil for the ship's use. Some was spilled and took fire. This set fire to some wooden staging in the engine-room, and, since the engine was soon enveloped in flames, it was, of course, impossible to work the pumps. Of course, for a ship to be constructed in such a dangerous way would not be allowed with a passenger vessel.

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THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION.

A SENSATIONAL RUMOUR.

It is stated that the Spanish steamer

Urania, at present in Hongkong Harbour,

has been chartered by the Spanish Govern-

ment to convey Emilio Aguinaldo and

a party of the rebel leaders to a place

of safety; that Aguinaldo and his com-

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AND behold, about the period of the

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blooms of the city connected with the

the untamed steeds of the desert gave a

Banquet, and the leaders of the Cohorts

and the Centurions and the tent-peppers

and the polo wallahs attended the feast,

and he whose name was like unto the

snows of Kin-chiu jungles was there.

And his head was harder than the granite

of his native hills, yet harder than the

Grampians. And the younger men said one

to another 'Let us make a diversion;

and they pledged him one after another with the

liquor of the barley, which was potent and

like unto the dew of the mountains.

And he drank cup-for-cup with them;

and they marvelled, and said one to another

'What manner of man is this? Verily,

with such a head he is fitted to be a ruler

of men.'

And he, knowing what was in their

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Works planned by the Moji Ironworks for the construction of two docks, capable of accommodating vessels up to 7,000 tons, have been suspended owing to the difficulty of raising the necessary raw capital at present.

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THE UNSETTLED STATE OF TONKIN.

PARTIAL STOPOFFS OF TRADE.

Private advices from Hanoi state that the country round Hanoi is in a very unsettled condition. Chinese merchants from the surrounding districts are afraid of travelling to the capital, and there is a partial stoppage of trade with the provinces. Merchants will not order goods in large quantities; and appear to be waiting for the restoration of order and the reassertion of the power of the Executive. Small bands of robbers are still raiding the country districts, but the large predatory gangs have been broken up.

THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION.

A SENSATIONAL RUMOUR.

It is stated that the Spanish steamer *Urania*, at present in Hongkong Harbour, has been chartered by the Spanish Government to convey Emilio Aguinaldo and a party of the rebel leaders to a place of safety; that Aguinaldo and his compatriots are now in Hongkong; and that they are to receive a sum of a million and a half of dollars through the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

We publish the rumour for what it is worth. We have endeavoured to obtain information on the matter from reliable sources, but our enquiries have failed to elicit either confirmation or contradiction.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR

That one is tempted to make retrospective glances at the end of a year, but after all, looking forward is probably the better and more wholesome thing to do. That politically, we have been doing a great deal of forward-gazing in this Farther East, and but little of our British action is yet visible. That when one remembers the fact of our possession of Hongkong for over half a century, and that so little has been done to open up Southern China, the result rather tells against our vaunted spirit of enterprise.

That the mineral resources of South China still lie dormant, although practically at our very doors, and yet the Chinese Government looks as if either bankruptcy or disruption were soon to overtake it.

That there can be no question our policy of non-intervention and complacency has proved to be a failure, and has undoubtedly served the Chinese people very badly.

That Russia, Germany and France have apparently resolved to adopt a more decided and practical policy—some call it a predatory attitude,—although little well-authenticated news reaches us.

That beyond the feeling, which seems to be general, of our determination to secure a naval base up North, to look after the Yangtze Valley, and to take the Two Kwangs under our wing, no new developments can be safely predicted.

That, as I have repeatedly said, there is little likelihood of real trouble arising out of the proposed forward movements of the Continental Powers in China.

That if the British Government is forced to take action by way of securing rights to counterbalance those of other powers, I believe the possibilities and probabilities have been all duly weighed.

That in wishing the Chinese Government a happy New Year, one can scarcely refrain from the remark that the High Authorities have themselves to thank for most of their troubles.

That the extension of the Hongkong boundary on the mainland may have been overlooked or overshadowed by the larger possibilities which now present themselves.

That the Christmas season has been predominantly festive, and I hear that the well-to-do attitude of the residents is an indication of the presence of sound financial conditions, spite of the depreciated dollar.

That our Governor leaves us just one month hence, and I hear several proposals were made by way of a 'send off.'

That it was at first proposed to give a St. George's Ball, but this would have left out the Scotch and Irish residents, so it was abandoned.

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FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. v. KOWLOON F.C.

This match was played at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon in favourable weather. There was a fairly large concourse of spectators, amongst whom were Major-General Black, Commodore Holland and Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary. A good game was expected, and additional interest was given to the game by the fact that this was the first meeting of the Clubs this season. Since they last met, both teams have undergone material alterations, and it is generally supposed that both are now stronger.

Those who expected to see a first-class exhibition of 'soccer' were sadly disappointed. At the outset, the Kowloon forwards indulged in short sharp passes and speedily worked the ball down to the Club goal. A miss-kick by C. T. Kow (who was playing at back), let the Kowloon centre forward in, and he banged the ball into the net, Davit (the Club custodian) failing to reach the ball, which cannoned unfortunately off Mayson, the other back.

And all behold, about the period of the withering of the leaves, certain of the Bloods of the city connected with the racing of the untamed steeds of the desert gave a Banquet, and the leaders of the Cohorts and the Centurions and the tent-peppers and the polo wallahs attended the feast, and he whose name was like unto the snows of Kin-chin jungles was there.

And his head was harder than the granite of his native hills, yet even harder than the Grannians. And the younger men said one to another 'Let us make a diversion' and they pledged him one after another with the liquor of the barley, which was potent and like unto the dew of the mountains.

And he drank cup for cup with them; and they marvelled, and said one to another 'What manner of man is this? Verily with such a head he is fitted to be a ruler of men.'

And he, knowing what was in their minds, humoured them to the full; and behold he saw them all (under the tables), and he merely remarked 'Fair mingled are men.'

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

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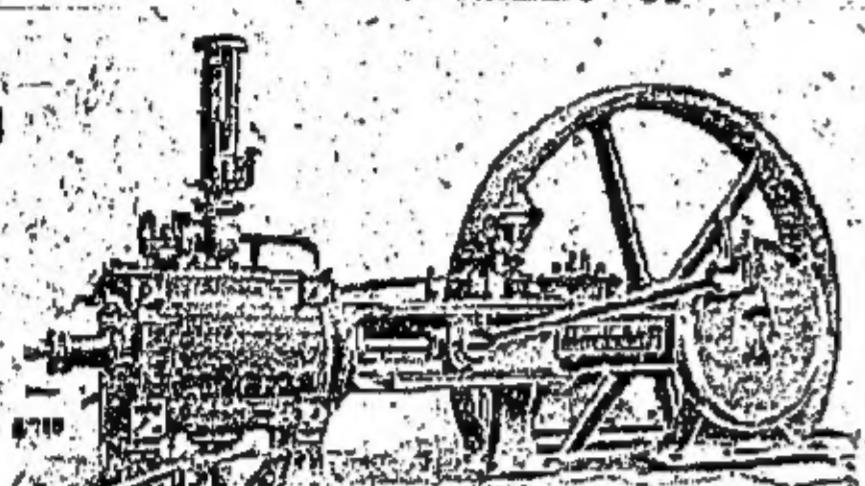
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